Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether this excess profit tax namely Rs. 2,994—3—0 is all the excess profit tax collected?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is the excess profit tax collected till that date. The collection in the case of all persons is not over.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In view of the full answer that the Government have given and the answer which I thought that the Government should give and since I have the assurance that every possible thing will be done, I do not wish to put any supplementary question.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to publish the list of licensees and their number in the Gazette?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: The licensees already on the date on which the answer was given are 606. I presume it will be 2,000 in the near future. Do you want me to publish their big list in the Gazette?

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated)*: It think it is better to publish it, because under Food-Grains Control Order, commodities are to be sold only to licensees, and the merchants will know who are these licensees.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: When you sell, ask them to bring the licenses. I think that is enough. Beyond ten bags you can't sell without license being shown. Once that man comes and purchases from you the second time you need not ask the number.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated)*: It will be easier to verify if the list is published in the Gazette.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: The number of licences granted so far is 606. May I know the number of applications received.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Only five or ten might have been rejected.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know has the machinery for the granting of the licence as expeditiously as possible been perfected? What is the average delay.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is an unfounded allegation. If I get a petition today I pass orders the next day. There are days in which my office was working till 4 at night. If any one case of delay is brought to my notice I will enquire.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: As regards the last portion (d) regarding the permits given for importation, what is the principle which guides Government in giving certain varying figures which are now ranging from 2,000 bags to 13,000 bags per individual?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: I have already explained this at the time of a cut motion and at the time of the general discussion of the budget. This distribution noted in the list was not based upon a correct principle. This was done as it was the first time, when we distributed the quota. There we had not all the materials that we got afterwards, one of which is with reference to block trains only being moved and not single waggons being moved from one station and another. That information we got only after we made the distribution of the July quota. The distribution in that month was done when we had not all the data. After we made the first month's distribution we got a letter from Tanjore saying that the railway company refused to move or refused to recognise small quotas. They want persons who are in a position to move one train load. Otherwise it is impossible for the companies to arrange waggons. One waggon on the meter-gauge will contain 140 bags and one broad-gauge waggon 250 bags. It is on that ground that subsequently we allotted higher quotas to each merchant. The next point is this. The import was entirely in the hands of five or six Hallayi merchants, when the rice was coming from Burma. So the persons who ought to be favoured so far as imports are concerned are those persons because if Burma had been the exporting place these persons would have continued as importers.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: It is stated that permits are not issued by this Government. May I know who issues them?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is the Exporting Province who issues them.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know whether it is on the recommendation of the Government that these permits are issued?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is the Government that distribute. We have got a quota and we distribute it among our merchants. They have to apply to the Exporting Province for getting the permits.

MATTANCHERI MERCHANTS—SHIFTING OF TO TRAVANCORE

65. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a move by the merchants of Mattancheri to shift their place of business to Travancore side?

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Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : The Government have heard it said that 2 or 3 of the Hallayi merchants of Mattancheri were giving out that they intended to move their place of business to Travancore side ; but none has left so far.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL"—SALES OF RICE & SCOUT ORGANISATIONS

66. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the article under the caption "അരിവില്പനകാര്യം—സ്കൗട്ടുകാരുടെ സേവനം ലോണടന്നു" on page 3, column 1 of the "Malabar Mail", dated 28th June 1942 ;

(*b*) whether the "Rice Sale Controlling Officer" had sent replies referred to in the article mentioned above that "15 bags of rice a week will be issued to you from Chalakkudi Depot for cash" in reply to the letter of Edavam 17th from the workers of the Adur Group Scout Group and whether for the letter dated June 13th from the same body, the Diwan Peishkar replied on 24th June that "Now rice is sold only to recognised retailers. When the sphere is enlarged, the question of distribution of rice through persons like you will be considered;"

(*c*) if so, will Government be pleased to inform the reason which prompted Government for a sudden change of policy ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There was no change of policy at all. The first order was issued presumably on an incorrect understanding by the Rice Control Officer as to whom rice was to be sold from the depots.

TRANSPORT OF RICE TO THE VARIOUS DEPOTS FROM COCHIN OR ERNAKULAM—CONTRACTS REGARDING

67. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the transport of rice to the various depots from Cochin or Ernakulam was entrusted to any company on contract ;

(*b*) the rate at which the contract was given ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)* : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) At the time the contract was given reasonable rates were promised. The following are the rates sanctioned.—

			Rs.	A.	P.	
Cochin godown to	Mattancheri Registry office and Calvetty		6	4	0	per 100 bags
Do.	to Trippunittura		12	8	0	do.
Do.	Cochin Godown to Sn. Chittur ..		7	13	0	do.
Do.	to Ernakulam		9	6	0	do.
Do.	to Cranganur		15	10	0	do.
Do.	to Irinjalakkuda		18	12	0	do.
Do.	to Chalakkudi		28	2	0	do.

NO. OF PERSONS IN THE MENIAL SERVICE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—PARTICULARS OF

68. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of persons in the menial service in the Education Department ;

(*b*) the number of Arayans ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* : (*a*) 283.

(*b*) 1.

ABOLITION OF CERTAIN SANSKRIT SCHOOLS

69. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal)* : Will Government be pleased to State.—

(*a*) has any school been discontinued this year by the Management ;

(*b*) if so, what was the reason therefor ;

(*c*) have Government taken any action in the mater ?

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